GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:17
ANSWERED ON:01.03.2005
CONSTRUCTION OF BUNKERS ALONG INDO-PAK BORDER
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan has constructed new bunkers along the border during the course of ceasefire agreement;

(b) if so, details in this regard;

(c) whether they have constructed a Dam near disputed pillar No.62 at Dhamala Nala;

(d) if so, whether the Government has taken up the matter with Pakistan;

(e) if so, details thereof and the reaction of Pakistan thereto;

(f) the action taken by the Government in this regard; and

(g) the details of the action plan propose for modernization and setting up of new posts along the border?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.REGUPATHY)

(a)to(g): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.17 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 1.3.2005.

(a) & (b): As per available information, Pakistan has constructed a total of 40 (forty) bunkers along the International Border after the cease fire.

(c) to (e): A bundh has been constructed by Pakistan in the area of Border Pillars No.61 to 64, ahead of Dhamala Nala. The matter was taken up by the Border Security Force (BSF) with the Pakistan Rangers at different levels. BSF had proposed a joint survey of the bundh which was not agreed to by Pakistan.

(f)&(g): Construction and improvement of defences, including setting up of new posts along the border, is an on-going process. Pakistani activities are being closely monitored and suitable remedial measures are being adopted to deny advantage to the adversary.